

ABSTRACT

The optical compensatory sheet has a transparent support and an optically anisotropic layer formed from liquid crystal molecules aligned in an average inclined angle of less than  $5^\circ$ . The optical compensatory sheet gives the retardation value in plane ( $R_e$ ) in the range of 10 to 1,000 nm and the retardation value along the thickness direction ( $R_{th}$ ) in the range of 10 to 1,000 nm.

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